

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 A method and apparatus for detecting seals on a
film from which bags are formed includes a force transmitter
and a force sensor. The force transmitter transmits a force
from the film to the sensor. The force sensor receives the
transmitted force and provides a force signal. A controller
6 receives the force signal and provides a seal signal. The
the force sensor may be an mechanical sensor, an acoustic
sensor, a mechanical sensor, a vibration sensor or a
piezoelectric sensor.

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